

## REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-16 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled without prejudice. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-16 are now presented for examination. The following remarks are in response to the final Office Action mailed on January 26, 2005.

### 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over McCollum, U.S. Patent No. 6,427,168 (“McCollum”) and Smart Technology Enablers “SmartCIM to DMI Mapper” (“Smart”).

McCollum discloses “a method . . . that enables performance monitoring while using a centralized information source model such as CIM.” (col. 2, lines 6-8). The CIM interacts with a CIMOM, and “the CIMOM . . . *acts as proxy on behalf of a client process requests.*” (col. 5, lines 35-38; emphasis provided). “[T]hrough the CIMOM, *client processes are relieved of the burden of locating and directly managing a multitude of devices on the network.* Instead, the CIMOM hides the management complexity by distributing the request to the appropriate providers.” (col. 5, lines 61-65; emphasis provided).

Smart discloses a “SmartDMI to CIM Mapper [that] allows CIM management applications to operate on DMI instrumentations.” (page 1, 15-17).

Claim 1, in pertinent part, recites “a CIM to DMI provider to . . . consolidate the information received from the DMI service provider.” (emphasis provided). Applicants respectfully submit that neither McCollum nor Smart, individually or combined, teach or reasonably suggest such a feature. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the

withdrawal of the rejection to claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Claims 9 and 13 contain limitations similar to those of claims 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 9 and 13 and their dependent claims.

### **Conclusion**

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

### **Invitation for a Telephone Interview**

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

### **Request for an Extension of Time**

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

### **Charge our Deposit Account**

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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